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For: 32-BIT VENDOR-EXTENDED-TYPE VENDOR SPECIFIC ATTRIBUTE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 18, 2006 and the final Office Action dated July 14, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.